

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, We, Malford E. Cullum of Graylake, IL, Lloyd G. Simonson of Spring Grove, IL, Diane R. Beinek of Lindenhurst, IL, James C. Ragain, Jr. of Great Lakes, IL, while employed by the Government of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Government, have invented certain new and useful improvements in A RAPID IMMUNOASSAY OF ANTHRAX PROTECTIVE ANTIGEN IN VACCINE CULTURES BY FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION identified as Navy Case No. 84,641 and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States of America and identified as Navy Case No. 96, 244 and described in application for International Patent, both of which were filed on March 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Government is desirous of acquiring an assignment of the invention disclosed in said application and other rights and benefits herein granted; and

WHEREAS, the conditions under which the invention was made are such as to entitle the Government under Paragraph 1(a) of Executive Order 10096, to the entire right, title, and interest therein, including foreign rights; and

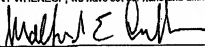
WHEREAS, the Government has determined that it will file a patent application(s) to obtain foreign rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign and transfer to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy the entire right title, and interest in and to said invention within the United States of America its territories and possessions, and the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and any continuation, division or substitution thereof, and such Letters Patents as may issue therefrom and any reissue or extensions thereof, said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held by the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy to the end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made.

We do hereby also grant unto the Government, the entire right, title, and interest in the invention and all patent applications or other forms of protection thereon in all countries foreign to the United States of America in which the Government may file, or cause to be filed, applications for Letters Patent or other forms of protection, without payment of any consideration.

We hereby further agree to make, execute, and deliver to the Government, any and all papers, documents, affidavits, statements, or other instruments that may be necessary in the prosecution of the application and of any continuations, division or substitution of the application, or any application for reissue or extension of said Letters Patent, and to assist the Government in every way in protecting the invention as may be requested, provided that any expenses arising through such efforts will be paid by the Government.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have set our hand and affixed our seal.

24 Apr 04 (date)  (signature) SEAL
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